



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004 AT 2:00 PM

Chairperson

Barbara Carey-Shuler,
Ed.D.

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Voting Members

Bruno A. Barreiro
Joe J. Celestin
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Manuel A. Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson
Shirley M. Gibson
Perla T. Hantman
Sally A. Heyman
William H. Kerdyk
M. Ronald Krongold
Joe A. Martinez
Raul L. Martinez
Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas
Darryl K. Sharpton
Jose Smith
Katy Sorenson
Rebeca Sosa
Javier D. Souto

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 30, 2004

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

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INCLUSION IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(FDOT) FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM
- MPO SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR ISSUANCE OF WORK
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RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE
"COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM PLAN" UNDER THE
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- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: SOUTH MIAMI-DADE
CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS**
RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE
CORRADINO GROUP, INC. TO CONDUCT AN ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS
FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

6. INFORMATION ITEM:

- I-95 RAMP METERING PROJECT

Non-Voting Members

(FDOT District VI)
John Martinez, P.E.
Gary L. Donn, P.E.

County Mayor

Alex Penelas

County Manager

George M. Burgess

Surface Transportation Manager

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7. REPORTS:

- a. MPO BOARD MEMBERS
- b. COUNTY MANAGER
- c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DISTRICT VI)
- d. MPO SECRETARIAT
 - 1. Special Use Lane Study: Status Report
 - 2. Municipal Grant Program : Status of Awards (1996-2004)
 - 3. Transportation Enhancements Program: Status of Awards (1993-2004)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Shirley M. Gibson
Perla T. Hantman
Sally A. Heyman
William H. Kerdyk

Raul L. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas
Darryl K. Sharpton
Katy Sorenson
Javier D. Souto

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Transportation Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Souto moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mesa stated that the minutes were amended to reflect that Board Member Sharpton was present at the last MPO Governing Board meeting.

Board Member Souto moved for approval of the September 30, 2004 minutes as amended and Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that the staff from Miami-Dade Transit had provided the Committee with an update on the North Corridor Metrorail Project. He also stated that Mr. Steve Reich from the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) provided a brief presentation on the status of the Electrowave study which determined the feasibility for MDT to assume responsibility of operating the circulator on South Beach. He concluded by informing the Board of the resolutions passed by CTAC for MPO consideration. *(These resolutions are available at the MPO Secretariat)*

Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler appointed Mr. William Gardner to the CTAC.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report given by the Committee.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver provided the Board with a brief update on BPAC activities. He stated that BPAC informed the Board that presentations on the Park and Recreation Department's new wellness and fitness initiative, MPO's Rail Corridor Conversion Study, and the status of FDOT projects that affect bicycling and walking are scheduled for the Committee's October 27th meeting. He concluded by stating that a representative from BPAC will attend the Transportation Committee November 12th meeting to show support for the proposed changes to MDT's Bike and Ride Program.

Board Member Hantman informed the Board that the 8th Annual Walk Our Children to School Day was a success. She stated that the event was well attended by parents, students, faculty and several elected officials. She concluded by thanking Mr. Brian Hannigan Safe Kids Coordinator from Miami Children's Hospital and Mr. David Henderson, MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Coordinator for assisting in this successful event.

4. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No report given by the Committee.

5. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects in the MDX Status Report. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

4. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

**a. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2005
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE NW
74TH STREET FROM THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE TO NW 87TH AVENUE
(PUBLIC HEARING)*

Board Member J. Diaz expressed concern with the timeline proposed by staff. He stated that the impacted communities expressed a strong support for the project. He further requested clarity on the expected completion time frame for the NW 74th Street Turnpike Interchange study. Mr. Donn responded that the Interchange is part of an on-going preliminary design and environmental (PD&E) study that was expedited and should be completed within the next 12 months. He further stated that advancing the project with local funds would be a good move. He then stated that an agreement with the Florida Turnpike could be arranged to provide reimbursements to Miami-Dade County.

Board Member Seijas expressed concern with the traffic conditions in the northwest section of Miami-Dade County. She further clarified by stating that future planning for the expected increase in development in the area is currently needed. She further stated that the MPO should require that FDOT complete the PD&E study for NW 74th Street Turnpike Interchange within the next four months. She concluded by stating that coordination between agencies is vital in completing projects in a timely manner.

Mr. Aristides Rivera, Director of Miami-Dade Public Works Department, (PWD), informed the Board that PWD is coordinating with FDOT to develop this corridor to a full cross intersection as soon as possible. He further stated that this effort would take at least one year. He then stated that the proposed interim solution is to amend the TIP to allow a three-lane cross intersection that would not interfere with future plans to expand the area to a six-lane road. He concluded by stating that plans must be in place before a judge will allow acquisition of right-of-way.

The Board requested that FDOT return to the Board with the completed Turnpike Interchange Study within six months from today's meeting date.

Board Member J. Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Seijas seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. MPO PROGRAM PRIORITY LISTING

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL LISTING OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Attachment 2 of this item, 2004 Transportation Enhancements Program Priorities, will be substituted with the distributed yellow paper. *(A copy of the distributed attachment is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Moss requested that that the MPO Program Priorities listing be amended to include Card Sound Road. He further stated that funds from the Road Impact Fee District 6 have been identified (\$2 million) for this project. He then stated that the project needs to be added to the MPO Priorities in order for FDOT to consider matching the funds. He concluded by moving that the proposed resolution be amended to include Card Sound Road. Board Member J. Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Board Member J. Diaz moved for the approval of the resolution as amended. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

b. MPO SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR ISSUANCE OF WORK ORDER

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE "COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM PLANT" UNDER THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the proposed area of study. She further expressed concern with the level of bicycle paths that currently exist in District 13. She stated that the level of traffic congestion in the area is not conducive for cyclists. She concluded by requesting that the study identify the number of cyclists within District 13. Mr. Mesa stated that the requested information will be provided.

Chairperson Shuler stated that the scope for the study entails Miami-Dade County and not one particular area. She also stated that the purpose for

the study is to provide provisions so that cyclists are safer on the roadways.

Board Member Souto moved for approval of the resolution and Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

c. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CORRADINO GROUP, INC. TO CONDUCT AN ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

Board Member Seijas stated that the northern section of Miami-Dade County should be included in this study. Mr. Mesa stated that the current scope and amount for the proposed study was not sufficient to accommodate another corridor. He further stated that staff would work with Board Member Seijas to provide a similar study in the northern section of Miami-Dade County that would provide the requested connectivity.

Chairperson Shuler stated that she could not support the study because the selected consultant firms did not have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) engineering firm as part of their team.

Board Member Moss stated that he shares the same concern as Chairperson Carey-Shuler. He further stated that it is the responsibility of the MPO to create opportunities for DBE whenever possible.

Mr. Mesa stated that the required DBE 15% goal for federal contracts was met with the proposed selected firm.

Board Member Heyman expressed concern with the progress on the Northeast Corridor study. She concluded by requesting an update on the study. Mr. Mesa responded that the northeast corridor would be included in the FEC Corridor study which is set to start early 2005 and should be completed within one year after its award date.

Board Member Souto stated that in Commission District 10 contests were held in the local schools in order to develop logos for selected routes within the District. He then stated that as a result logos for the signage at Bird Road and Coral Way bus routes have been selected. He then requested clarity from Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) on the expected timeframe that the new Coral Way signage would be installed. He

concluded by suggesting that the logos on signage throughout Miami-Dade County be used as a tool to assist people in identifying the various bus routes.

Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director of MDT, stated that the Coral Way signage will be implemented within the next couple of weeks. He concluded by stating that the signage have been working well and the department have received great reviews from the public.

Board Member Barreiro requested clarity on what the selection of the locally preferred alternative will entail for this study. Mr. Mesa responded that the selection would entail a type of technology and any other infrastructure that maybe needed such as grade separation.

Board Member Sharpton requested that staff provide a report at the next meeting on how the different studies (South Miami-Dade corridor, Northeast and FEC corridor) relate to each other and the related impact to the area.

Board Member Martinez requested that elected officials impacted by the study area be kept informed and involved throughout the study process.

The Board requested that if the selected firm, The Corradino Group, Inc., fails to meet the DBE requirements, staff negotiate with the one of the remaining two firms and return to the Board with a recommendation.

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was passed with 2 dissents.

6. INFORMATION ITEM

a. I-95 RAMP METERING PROJECT

Mr. Jesus Martinez, FDOT, provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the I-95 Ramp Metering project. *(A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Sharpton requested a meeting with Mr. Jesus Martinez to discuss the crash reduction rates attributed to the use of ramp metering.

7. REPORTS

a. MEMBERS

Chairperson Carey-Shuler thanked Board Members Betty T. Ferguson and Jimmy L. Morales for their eight-year service on the MPO Governing

Board. She concluded by stating that a resolution will be provided once all members have signed.

- b. MANAGER
- c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Board Member Ferguson requested that Florida Turnpike Enterprise provide an update on the Golden Glades Toll relocation project. Board Member Moss also requested that the updates include a timeline for the improvements that are scheduled for the area surrounding the Golden Glades Interchange.

- d. MPO SECRETARIAT
 - 1. Special Use Lane Study: Status Report
 - 2. Municipal Grant Program: Status Awards (1996-2004)

Board Member Ferguson requested that Mr. Mesa appoint a staff member to brief the City of Opa-Locka's mayor on the various programs offered through the MPO.

- 3. Transportation Enhancements Program: Status of Awards (1993-2004)

(There was no discussion on Items 7.b & 7.d.1 & 3)

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.